

KARDAMA AND DEVAHUTI

DEVAHUTI WAS THE DAUGHTER OF SWAYAMBHUV MANU AND SATARUPA.

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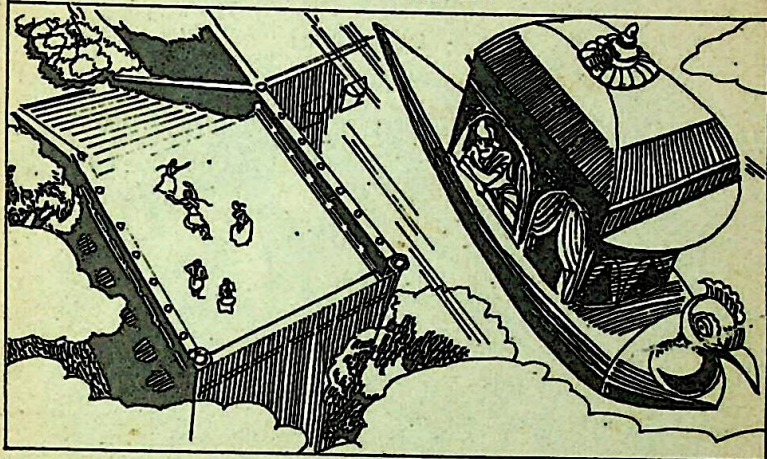
DRAWN BY HER BEAUTY AND CHARACTER, MANY SU-ITORS FOR HER HAND APPROACHED HER FATHER, BUT DEVAHUTI DECLINED TO ACCEPT ANY.



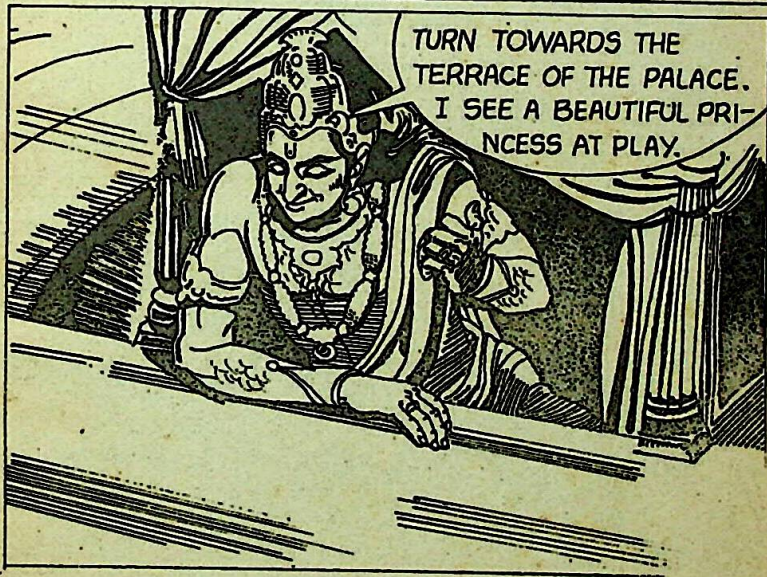
ONE DAY, WHILE PLAYING WITH HER FRIENDS -



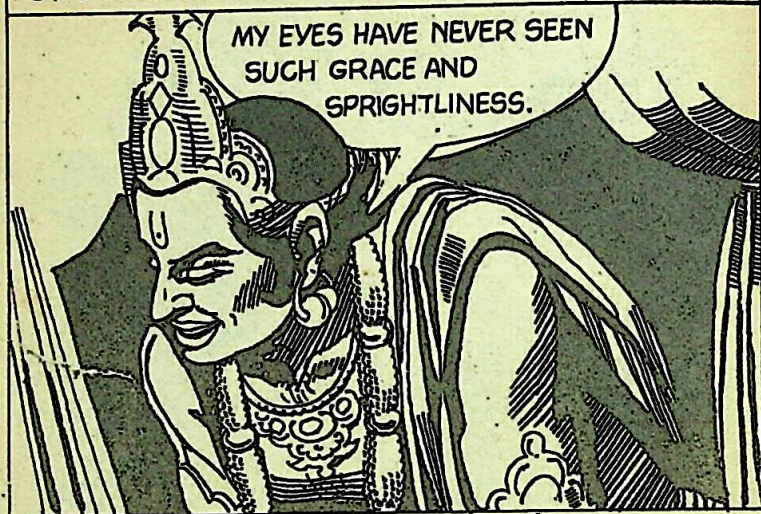
AT THAT MOMENT THE GANDHARVA KING, VISHWAVASU
HAPPENED TO FLY IN HIS AERIAL CAR OVER EMPEROR
SWAYAMBHUA MANU'S PALACE.



TURN TOWARDS THE
TERRACE OF THE PALACE.
I SEE A BEAUTIFUL PRIN-
CESS AT PLAY.



AS THE GANDHARVA KING SAW DEVAHUTI, HE WAS CHARMED.



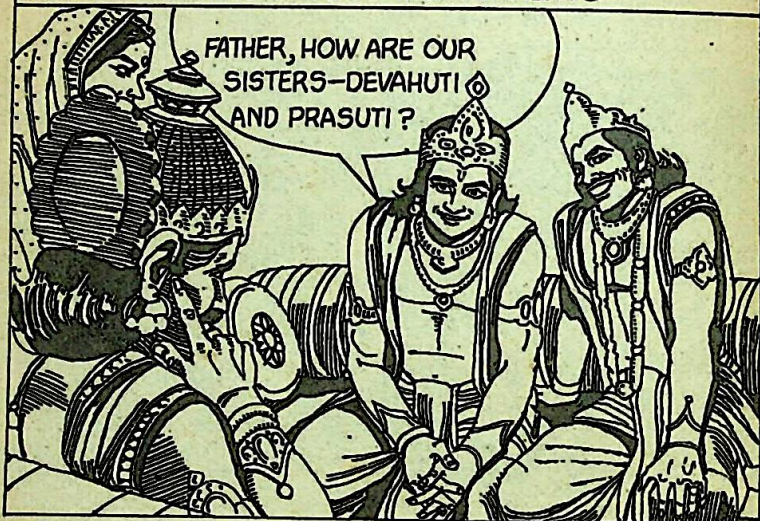
ENGROSSED IN ADMIRING DEVAHUTI'S BEAUTY, THE KING SLIPPED OFF HIS SEAT.



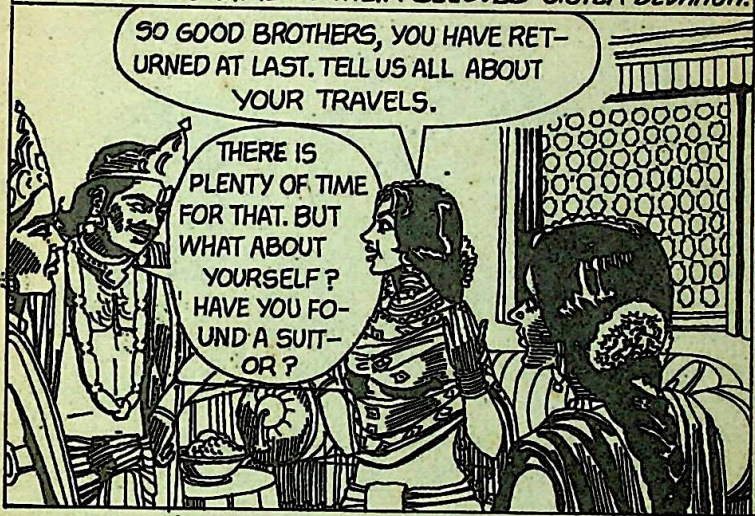
SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, UTTANAPADA AND PRIYAVRATA, THE SONS OF SWAYAMBHUYA MANU, RETURNED TO THEIR KINGDOM AFTER A JOURNEY OVER THE EARTH.



AFTER PAYING RESPECTS TO THEIR PARENTS-




THE BROTHERS CAME TO THEIR BELOVED SISTER DEVAHUTI.



SO GOOD BROTHERS, YOU HAVE RETURNED AT LAST. TELL US ALL ABOUT YOUR TRAVELS.

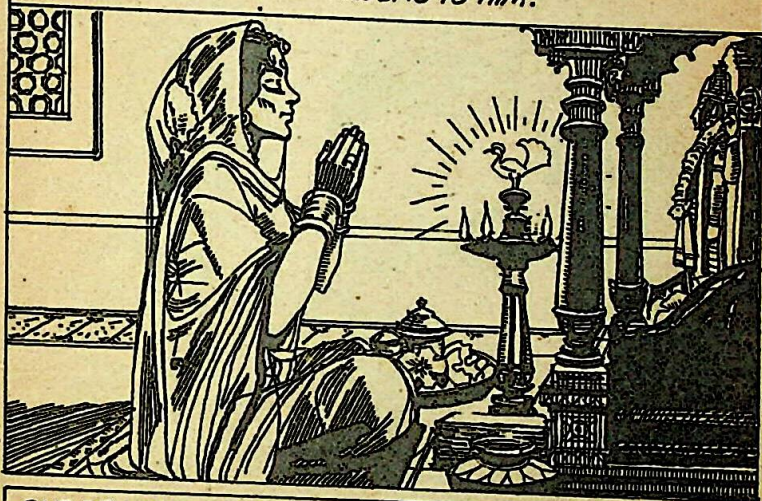
THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME FOR THAT. BUT WHAT ABOUT YOURSELF? HAVE YOU FOUND A SUITOR?



JUST LIKE FATHER—ONLY THIS ONE THOUGHT IN YOUR MIND.



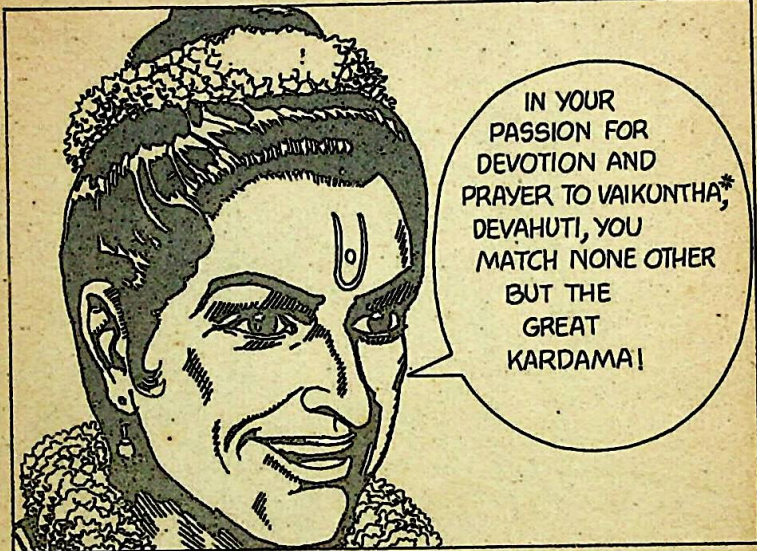
DEVAHUTI WAS A GREAT DEVOTEE OF LORD VISHNU AND NO DAY PASSED WITHOUT PRAYERS TO HIM.



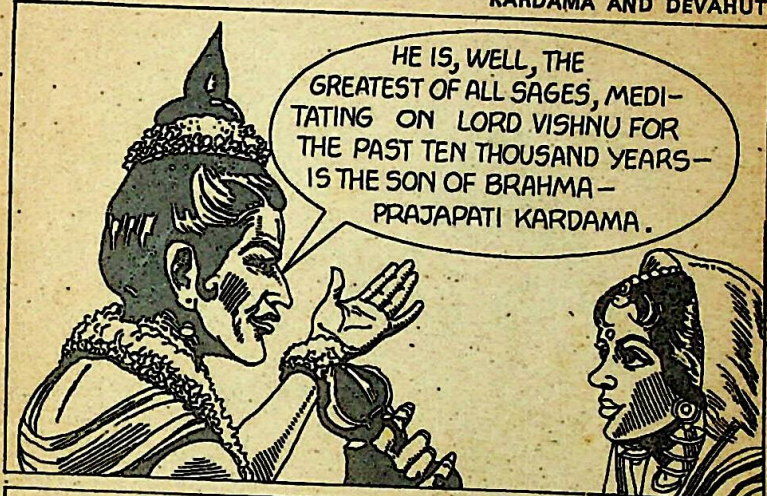
ONE DAY SAGE NARADA PAID HER A VISIT.



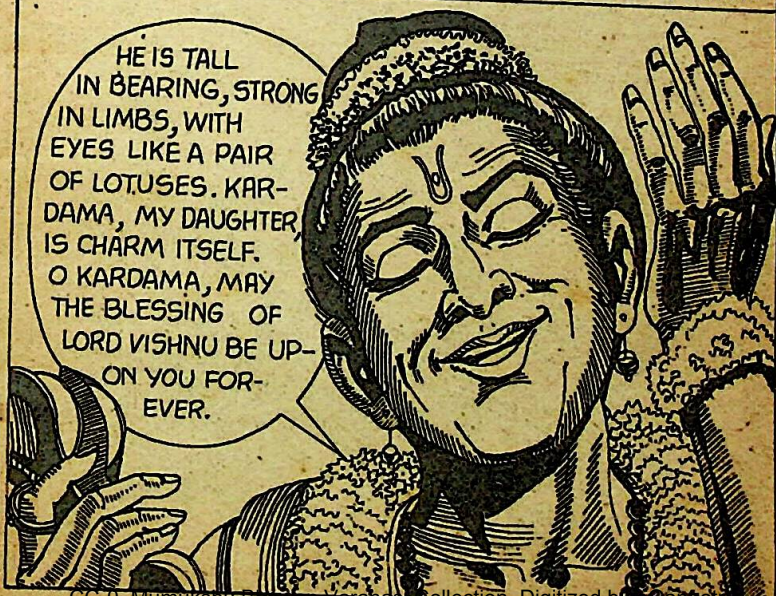
* AN EPITHET OF VISHNU MEANING THE LORD OF VAPORING.



* VAIKUNTHA IS THE NAME OF VISHNU'S ABODE

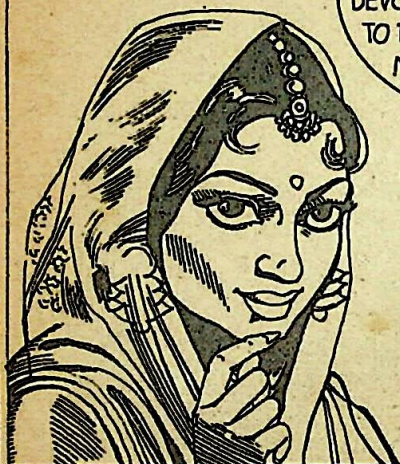


DEVAHUTI WAS FASCINATED TO HEAR ABOUT KARDAMA.



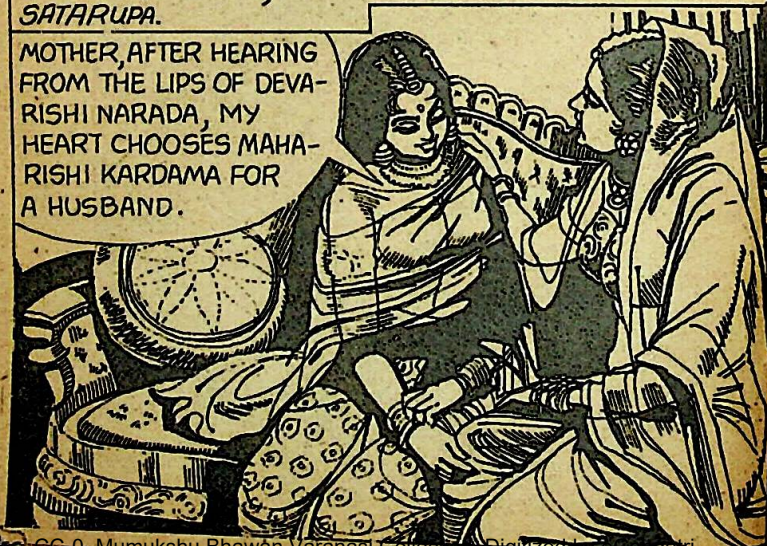
THE HEAVENLY SAGE WENT AWAY LEAVING A MUSING ,
DEVAHUTI.

IN PERSON HANDSOME, IN
DEVOTION TO VISHNU SECOND
TO NONE. IT IS HIM THAT I
MUST MARRY AND NONE
OTHER.



A FEW DAYS LATER, DEVAHUTI CONFIDED IN HER MOTHER
SATARUPA.

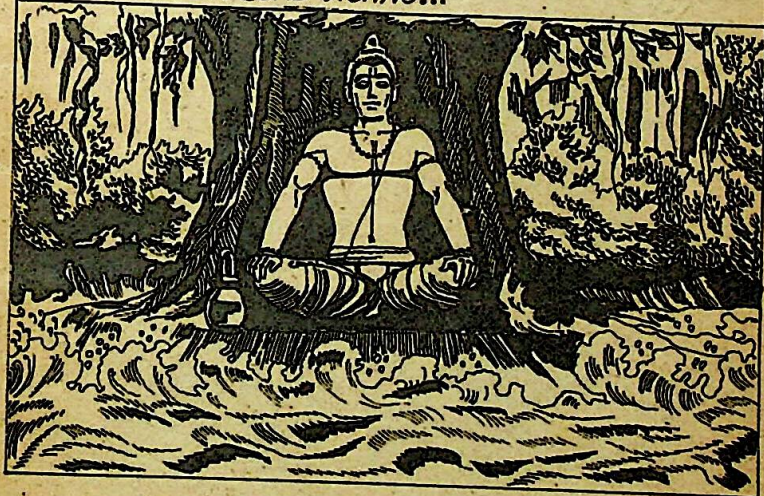
MOTHER, AFTER HEARING
FROM THE LIPS OF DEVA-
RISHI NARADA, MY
HEART CHOOSES MAHA-
RISHI KARDAMA FOR
A HUSBAND.



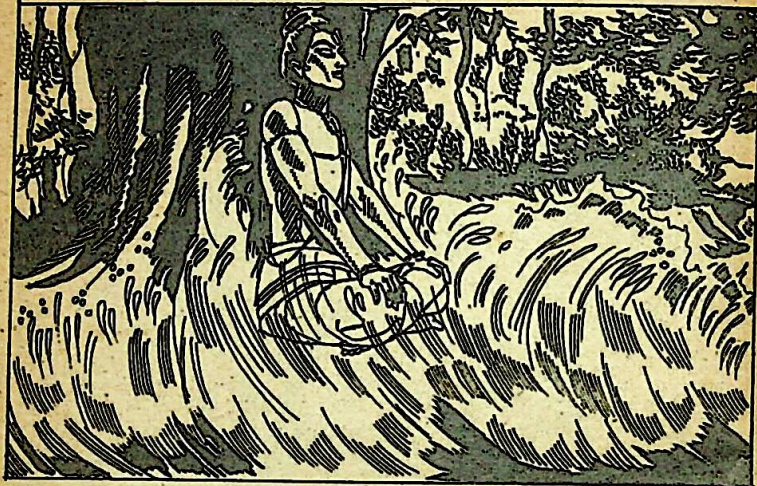
A WORTHY CHOICE, CHILD. I SHALL
SPEAK TO YOUR FATHER.



IN THE FOREST THE YOUTHFUL RISHI KARDAMA SAT LOST
MEDITATING ON LORD VISHNU...



... AND THE WATERS OF THE RIVER SARASWATI TOUCHED HIS BODY, AS IF IN HOLY ANOINTMENT.



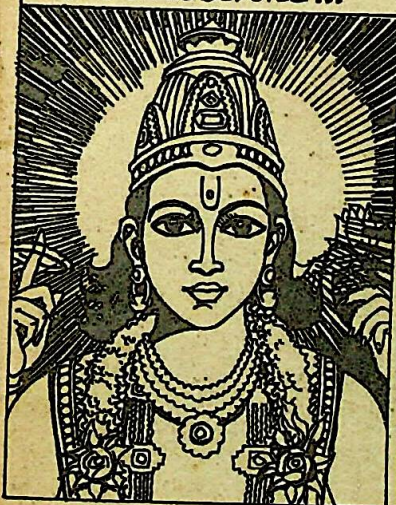
PLEASED WITH KARDAMA'S PENANCE, LORD VISHNU APPEARED TO HIM IN THE FORM OF SOUND...



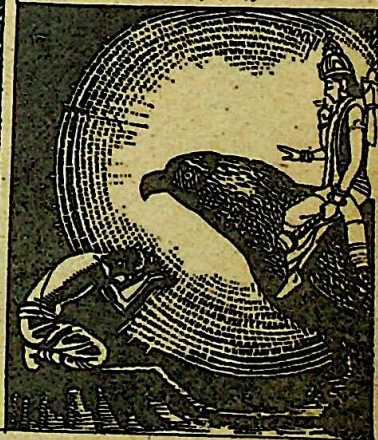
... AND THE SAGE STIRRED FROM HIS TRANCE.

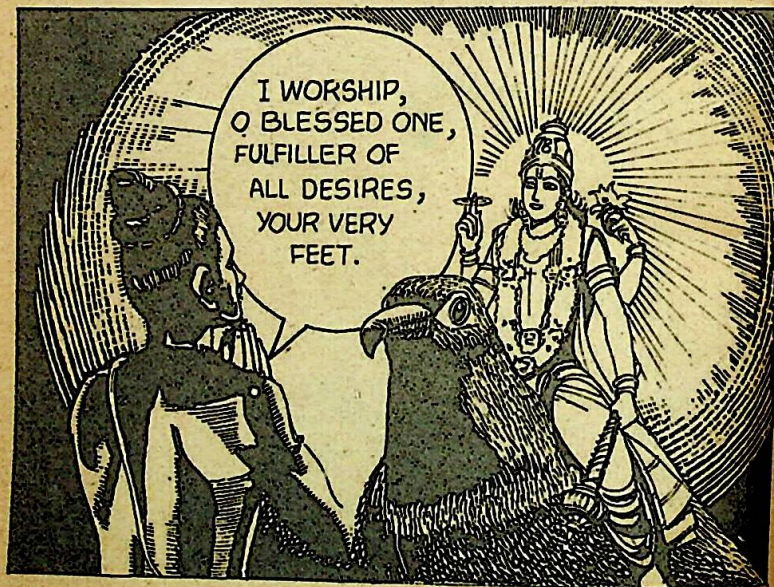
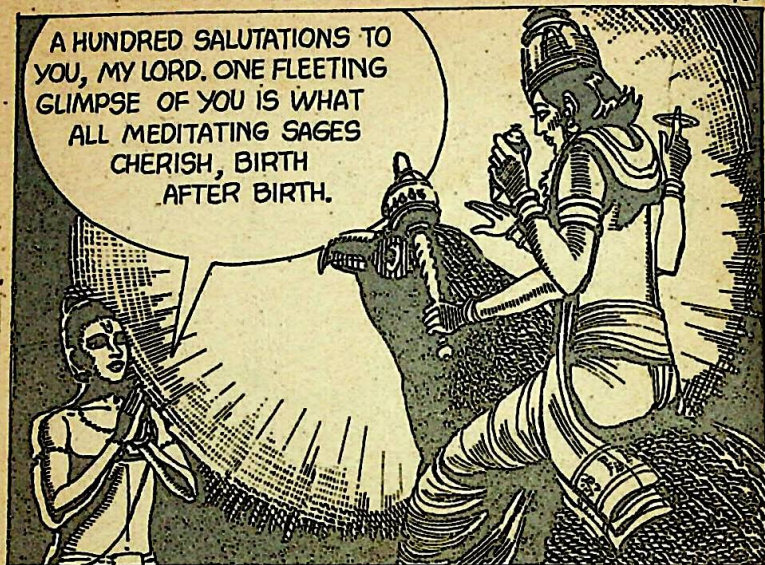


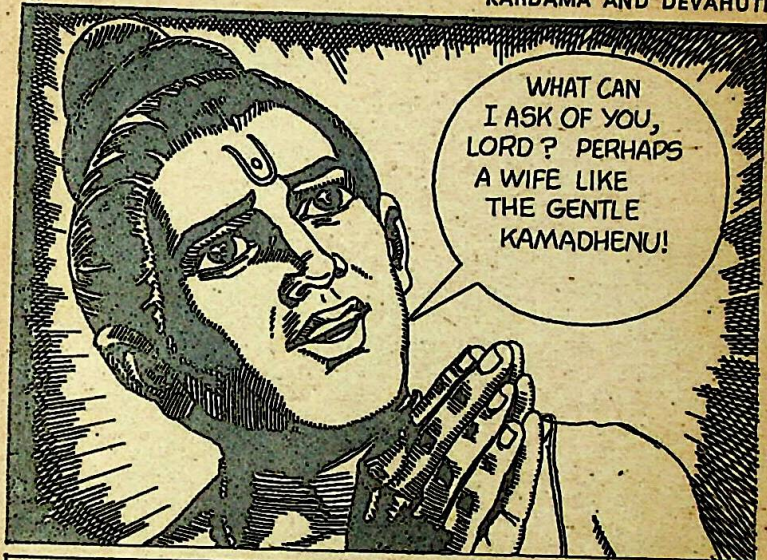
*LORD VISHNU GRANTED THE
DESIRE OF HIS DEVOTEE ...*



*...AND APPEARED BEFORE
KARDAMA IN ALL THE SPLEN-
DOUR OF THE SUN. KARDAMA
BOWED UNTO HIM.*







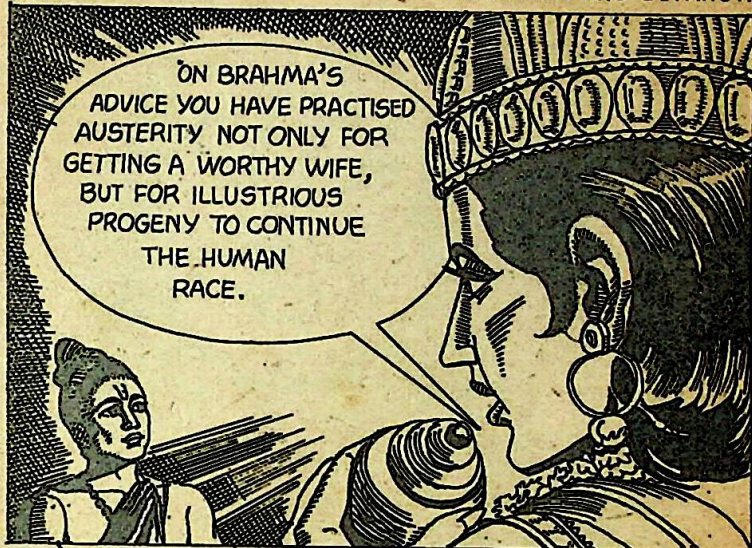
*VISHNU, SITTING ON THE WINGS OF THE GARUDA
SMILED WITH AFFECTION...*

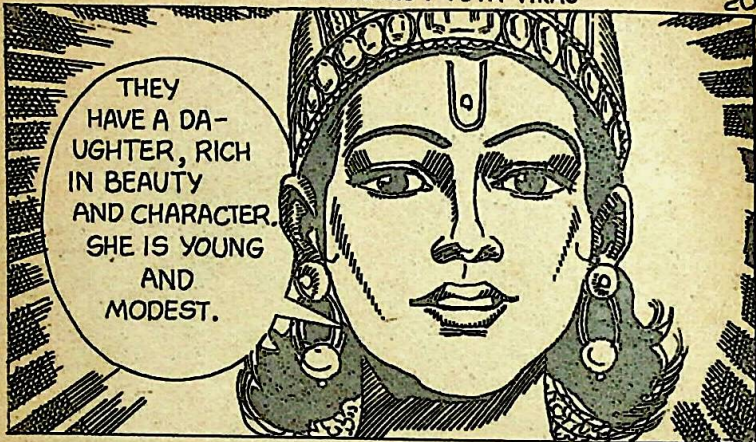


...AND BLESSED KARDAMA.


RISE, O KARDAMA, BEST OF ALL
SAGES. YOUR HEART'S DESIRE IS WELL-KNOWN
TO ME, AND I FULFIL THE WISH OF HIM
WHOSE SOUL IS CENTRED IN ME.



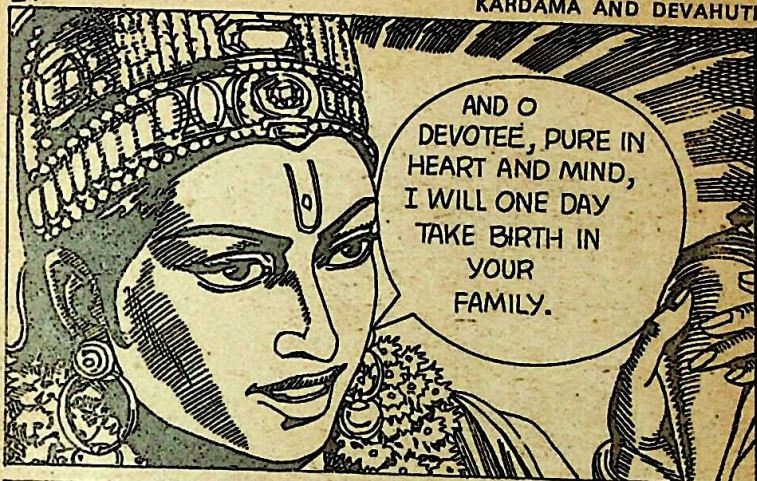




THEY
HAVE A DA-
UGHTER, RICH
IN BEAUTY
AND CHARACTER.
SHE IS YOUNG
AND
MODEST.



YOU ARE WORTHY OF HER AND SHE
INDEED SEEKS A HUSBAND JUST LIKE YOU.
WED HER AND BEGET WORTHY CHILDREN.



SRI LAKSHMI, WHO SAT BY VISHNU'S SIDE, SAW A TEAR IN HER LORD'S EYE.

MY LORD, A TEAR
IN YOUR EYE?

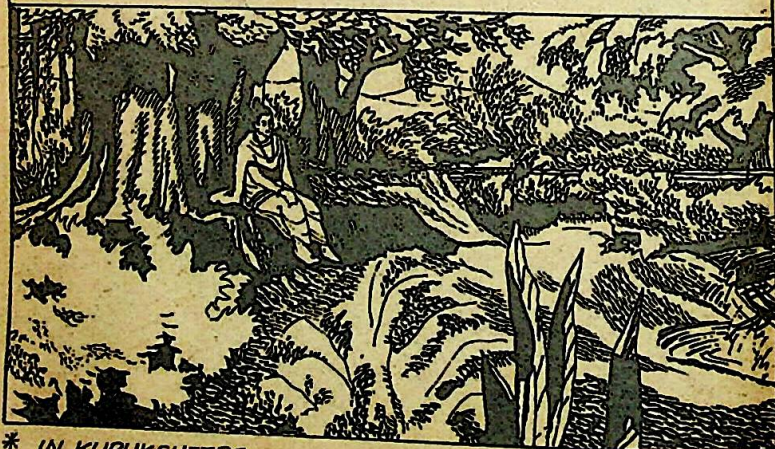
SUCH GREAT PENANCE AND
ALL THAT HE ASKS FOR IS
JUST A WIFE. MAYA, THE
WEB OF DELUSION, WORKS
EVEN SO.



WHERE VISHNU'S TEAR DROP FELL, A PRECIOUS SPRING
SPROUTED FORTH TO MARK THE SPOT AND WAS CALLED
BINDUSAGARA.*



KARDAMA RISHI, AFTER VISHNU'S DEPARTURE, WAITED
AT THE VERY PLACE, ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER
SARASWATI, FOR THE ARRIVAL OF EMPEROR SWAYAM-
BHAVA MANU.



* IN KURUKSHETRA

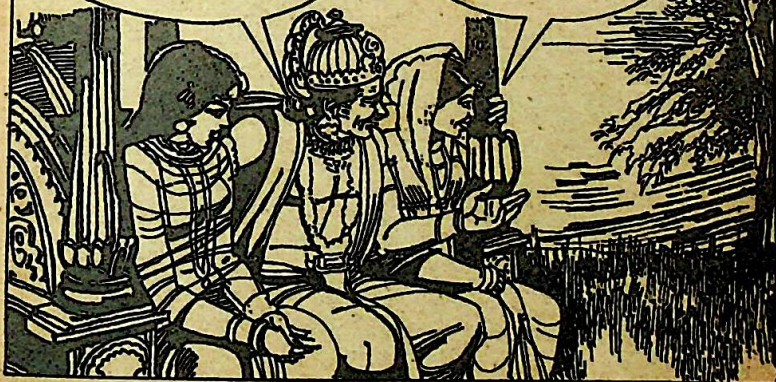
MEAN WHILE EMPEROR MANU AND HIS WIFE SATARUPA TOOK ALONG THEIR DAUGHTER DEVAHUTI IN SEARCH FOR A SUITABLE BRIDEGROOM.



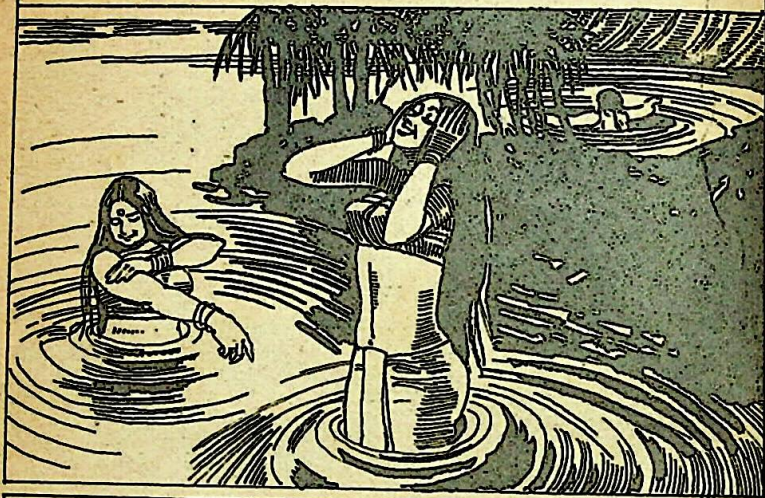
BEFORE THEY REACHED KARDAMA RISHI'S HERMITAGE, THEY CAME TO THE POND BINDUSAGARA.

INDEED A LOVELY SPOT!
A DIP IN THIS POND
WOULD REFRESH ME.

DO PLEASE ALSO
PERMIT ME TO
TAKE A DIP.



*THE ROYAL PARTY BATHED IN THE SOOTHING WATERS
OF THE BINDUSAGARA.*



AFTER A WHILE —

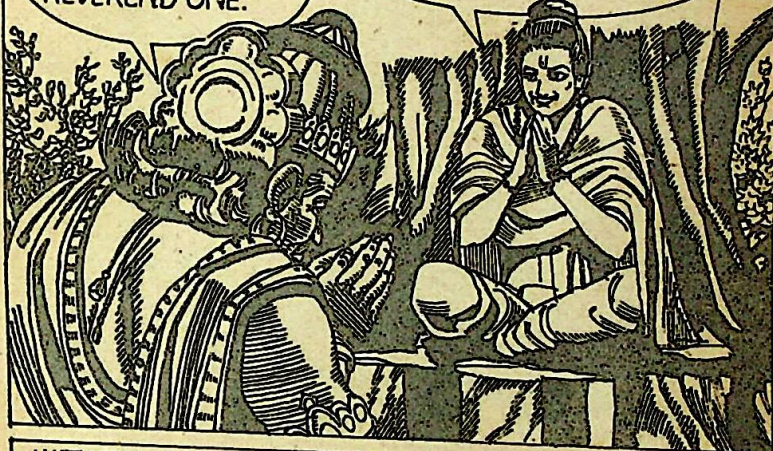
HIS FACE SHINES LIKE THE
SUN WITH THE SPLENDOUR
OF HARD
AUSTERITIES.



THE KING WENT UP TOWARDS KARDAMA'S THATCHED COTTAGE HUT.

SALUTATIONS,
REVEREND ONE.

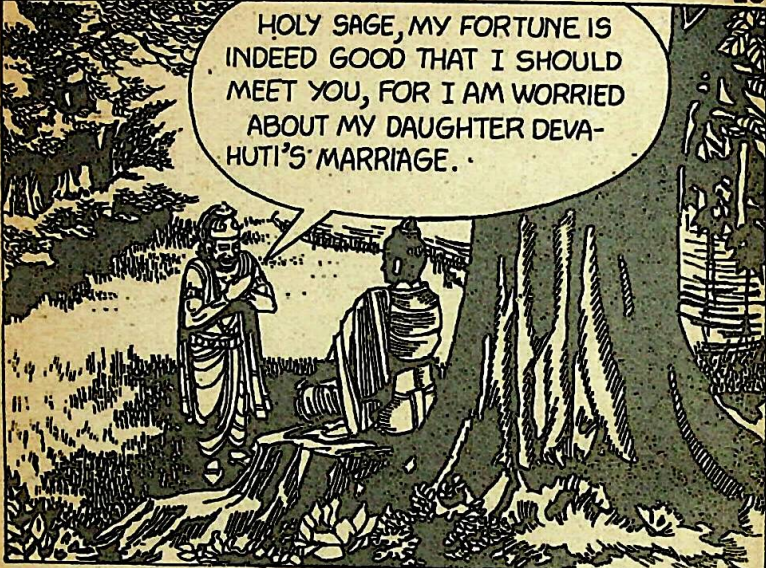
SALUTATIONS, AND WELCOME
NOBLE SIR.



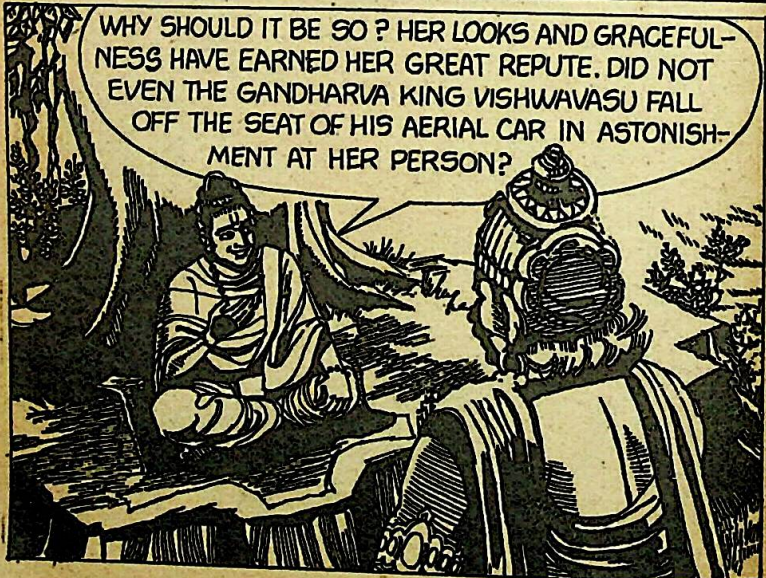
WITH THE WORDS OF LORD VISHNU IN HIS MIND, KARDAMA
ADDRESSED THE KING.

NOBLE KING,
IT IS DUE TO
MEN LIKE YOU
THAT GOOD
TRIUMPHS
AND ORDER
PREVAILS
UPON THE
EARTH.





HOLY SAGE, MY FORTUNE IS
INDEED GOOD THAT I SHOULD
MEET YOU, FOR I AM WORRIED
ABOUT MY DAUGHTER DEVA-
HUTI'S MARRIAGE.

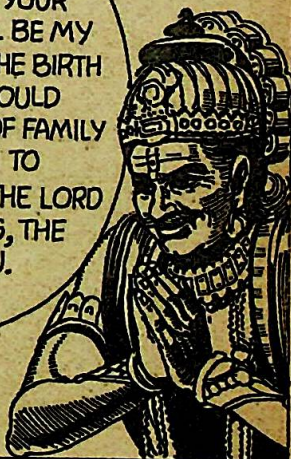


WHY SHOULD IT BE SO ? HER LOOKS AND GRACEFUL-
NESS HAVE EARNED HER GREAT REPUTE. DID NOT
EVEN THE GANDHARVA KING VISHWAVASU FALL
OFF THE SEAT OF HIS AERIAL CAR IN ASTONISH-
MENT AT HER PERSON?

BUT, EVER SINCE SHE HEARD FROM THE DIVINE SAGE NARADA OF YOUR BIRTH, CHARACTER AND LEARNING, SHE HAS SET YOU UP IN HER MIND AS HER HUSBAND. ACCEPT MY DAUGHTER'S HAND IN MARRIAGE O NOBLEST OF THE TWICE-BORNS!



O LORD OF MEN, YOUR DAUGHTER SHALL BE MY WIFE. BUT UPON THE BIRTH OF CHILDREN I WOULD CUT THE BONDS OF FAMILY LIFE AND RETURN TO MEDITATION ON THE LORD OF PRAJAPATIS, THE LORD VISHNU.



AND SO, DEVAHUTI WAS MARRIED TO MAHARISHI KARDAMA.

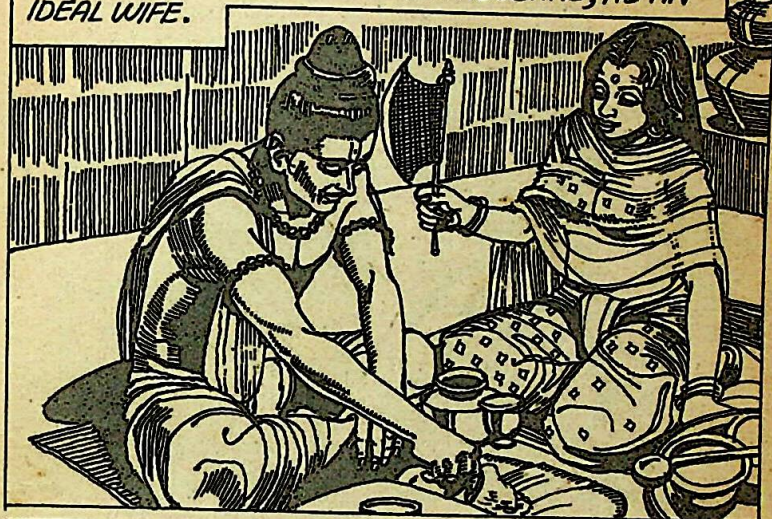
AFTER THE CEREMONY THE KING AND QUEEN TOOK
LEAVE OF THEIR DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW.



SWAYAMBHUA MANU AND SATARUPA RODE
AWAY IN THEIR CHARIOT.



DEVAHUTI ATTENDED UPON HER HUSBAND, AS AN IDEAL WIFE.



ONE DAY —



DEVAHUTI,
YOUR DEVOTION
AND SERVICES
PLEASE ME
GREATLY. WIFELY
DUTIES WELL-
DISCHARGED
WILL EARN YOU
THE SAME
MERIT AS THAT
A SAGE GETS
BY CONSTANT
MEDITATION
ON LORD
VISHNU.

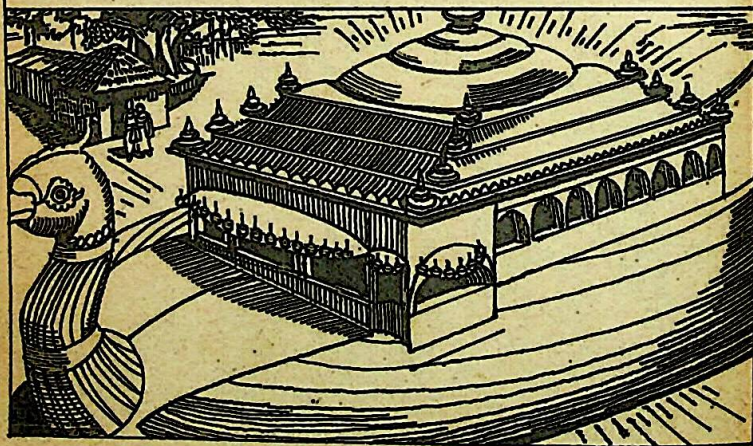
DEVAHUTI LOOKED AT HER HUSBAND IN DELIGHT.

MY LORD !
YOUR
WORDS
HONOUR ME

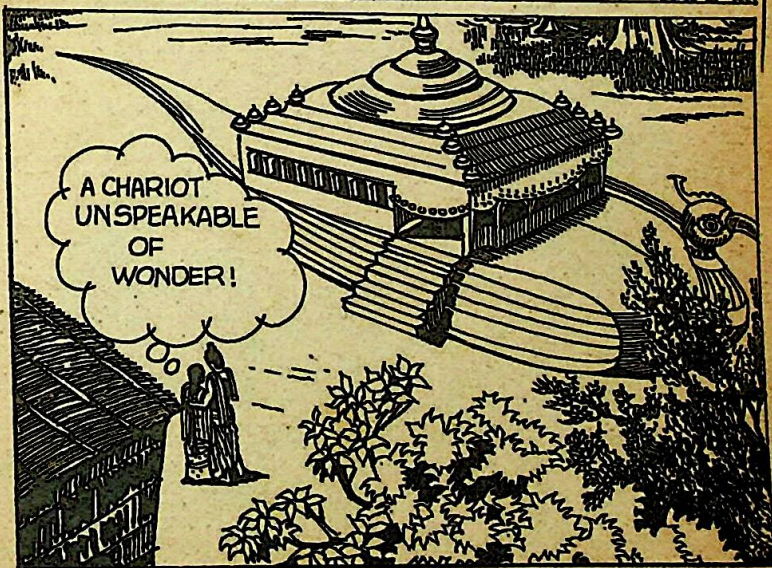
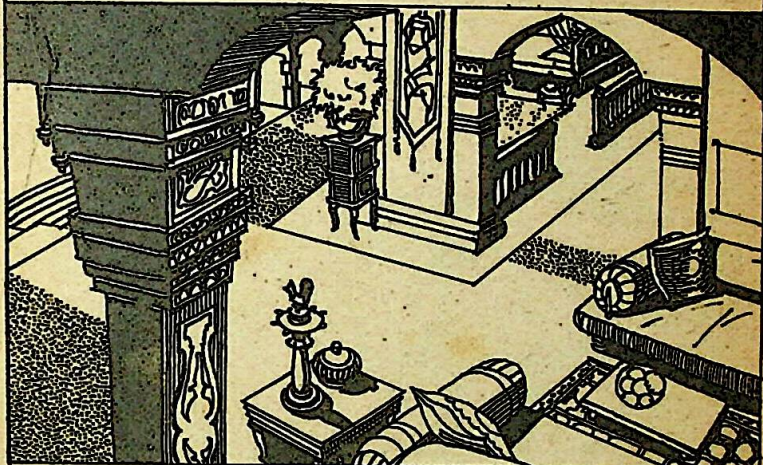
AFTER GETTING A WORTHY
HUSBAND, A VIRTUOUS WIFE
LONGS FOR MOTHER-
HOOD.

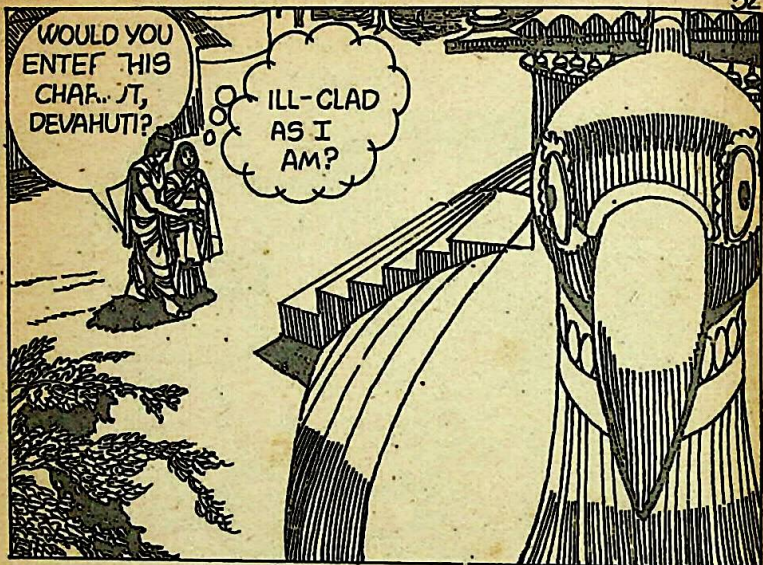
RIGHTLY
SPOKEN,
DEVAHUTI.

*DUE TO KARDAMAS SPIRITUAL POWERS, THERE
APPEARED IN THE HERMITAGE, A VAYUYAAN, AN
AERIAL CAR OF ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE.*



THE VAYUYAAN WAS FURNISHED WITH LAVISH COMFORTS AND WAS CAPABLE OF BEING PILOTED AT WILL.





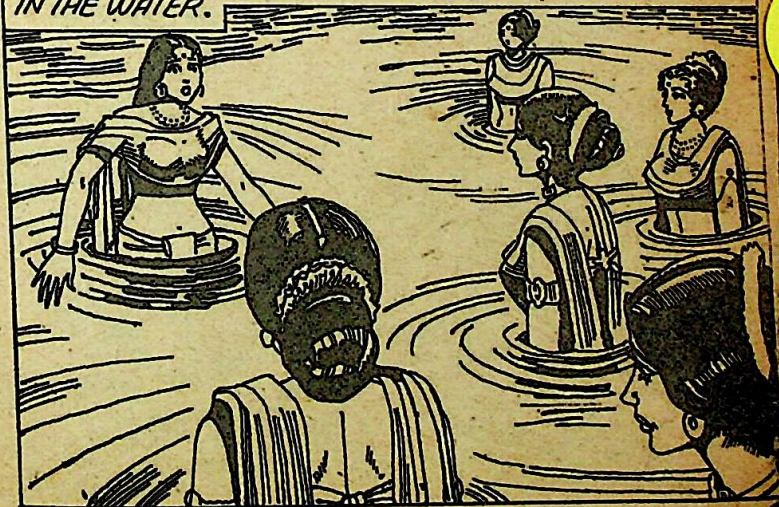
MAHARISHI KARDAMA READ HIS WIFE'S THOUGHTS.



DEVAHUTI ENTERED THE SACRED RIVER...



... AND WAS SURPRISED TO SEE A NUMBER OF WOMEN IN THE WATER.

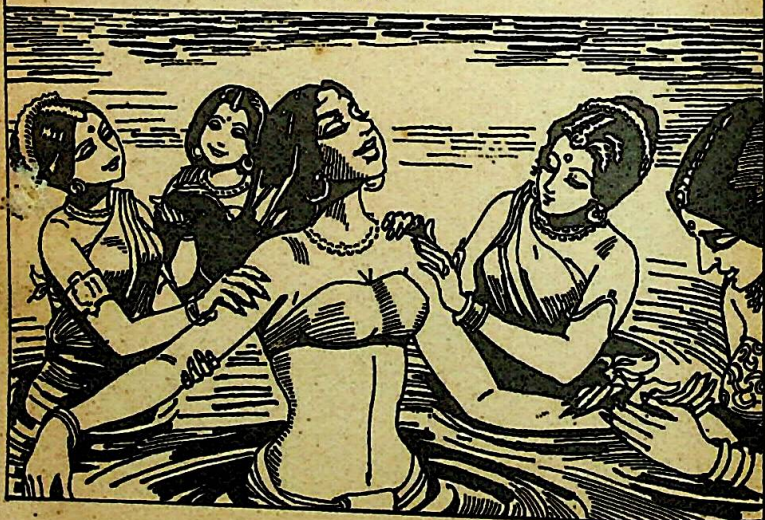


THE WOMEN ADDRESSED DEVAHUTI.

LADY, COMMAND US FOR WE
ARE YOUR SERVANTS.



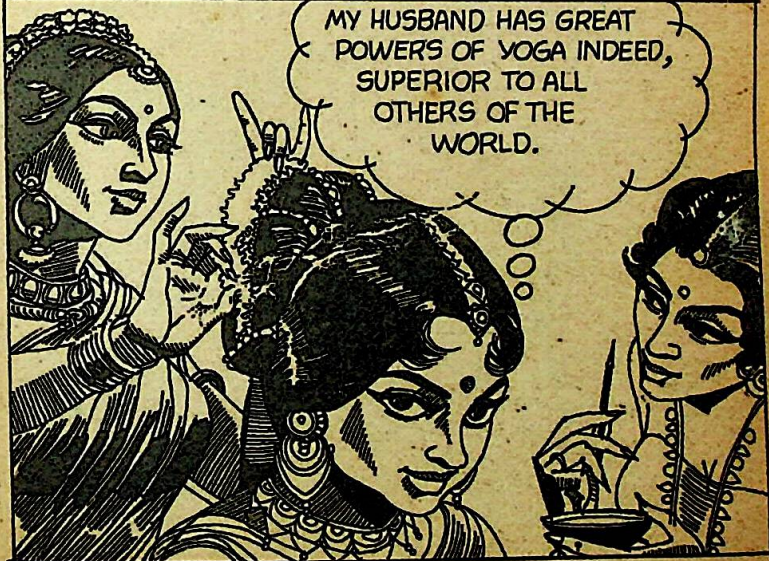
THEN THEY BATHED HER...



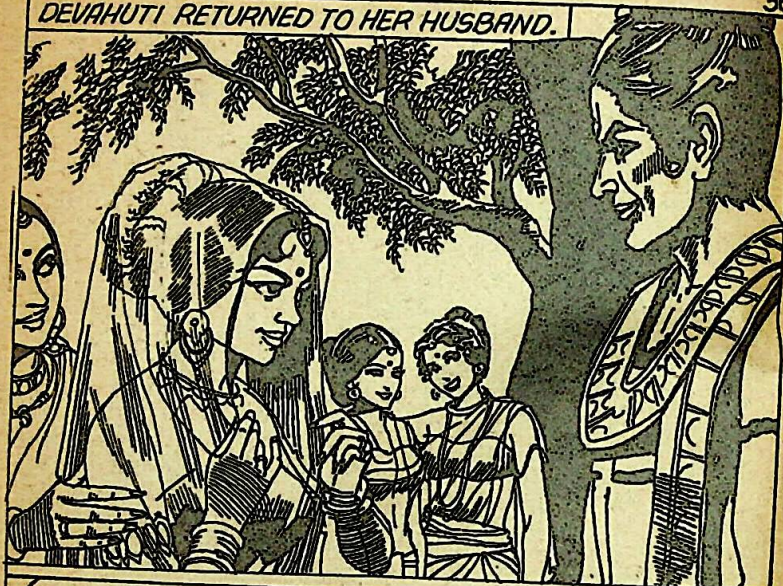
...AND CLAD HER IN NEW CLOTHES AND BRILLIANT ORNAMENTS.



MY HUSBAND HAS GREAT
POWERS OF YOGA INDEED,
SUPERIOR TO ALL
OTHERS OF THE
WORLD.



DEVAHUTI RETURNED TO HER HUSBAND.



O GLORY OF GLORIES,
HOW RESPLENDENT
YOU LOOK !

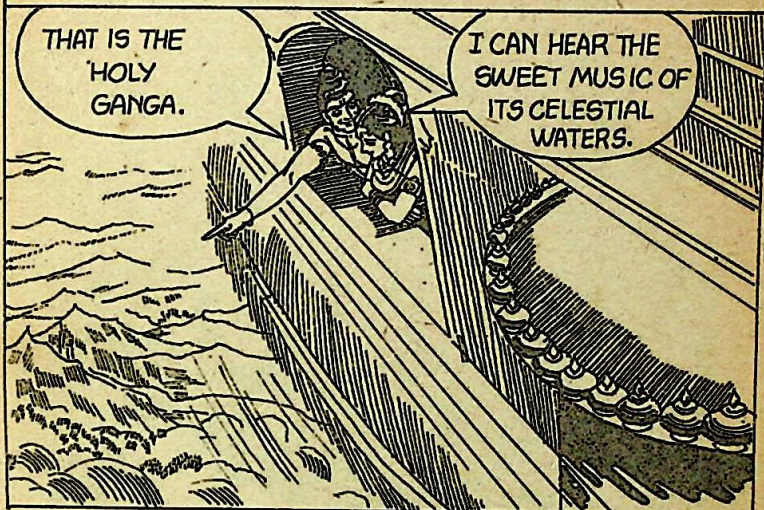
THAT I
MAY
WEAVE A
SPELL OVER
YOUR
HEART.



THEY ENTERED THE VAYUYAAN WHICH ROSE IN THE SKY.

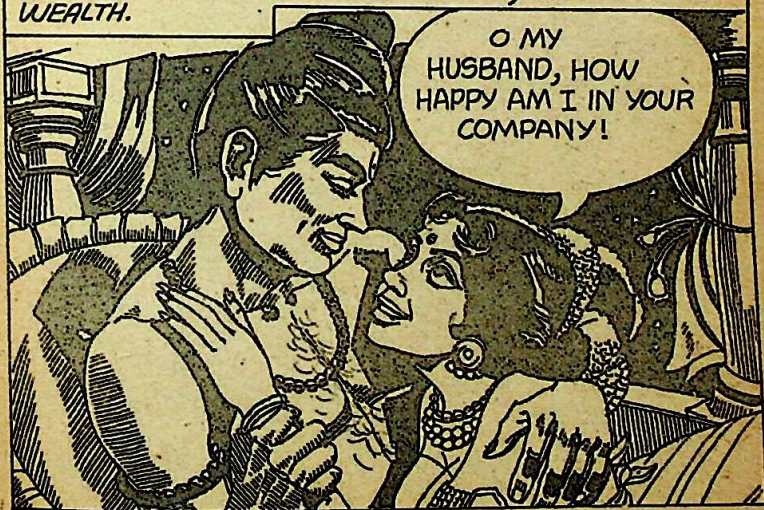
THAT IS THE
'HOLY
GANGA.

I CAN HEAR THE
SWEET MUSIC OF
ITS CELESTIAL
WATERS.



THEY FLEW OVER THE LAND OF KUBERA, THE GOD OF WEALTH.

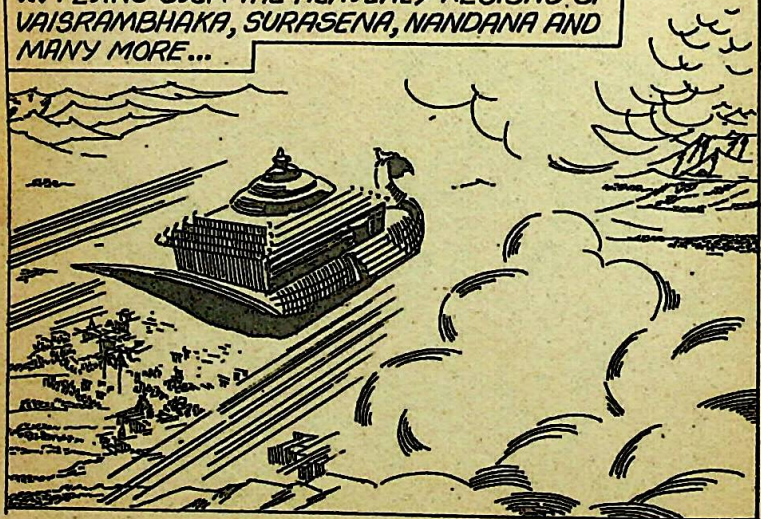
O MY
HUSBAND, HOW
HAPPY AM I IN YOUR
COMPANY!



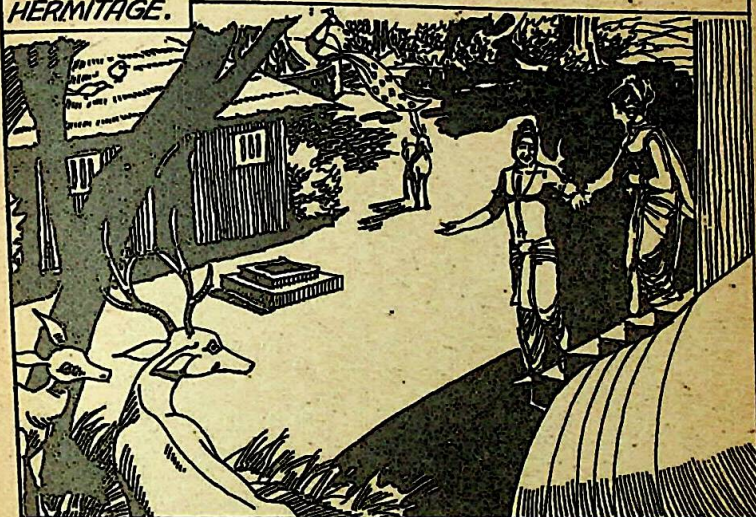
*FOR A NUMER OF YEARS MAHARISHI KARDAMA AND
DEVAHUTI DISPORTED THEMSELVES IN THE AERIAL CAR...*



*... FLYING OVER THE HEAVENLY REGIONS OF
VAISRAMBHAKA, SURASENA, NANDANA AND
MANY MORE...*



... AFTER WHICH THEY RETURNED BACK TO THE HERMITAGE.



IN COURSE OF TIME, DEVAHUTI GAVE BIRTH TO NINE DAUGHTERS WHO WERE EXTREMELY BEAUTIFUL.



ONE DAY—

NOW MY TIME
HAS COME TO
GO TO THE
FORESTS.

DEVAHUTI, ON HEARING THAT, WAS GRIEVED.

YOU LOOK DISTRESSED,
DEVAHUTI.

MY LORD, HOW
BLISSFUL WAS LIFE
WITH YOU. IF
YOU ABANDON ME,
WHAT WILL BECOME
OF OUR DAUGHTERS?



DEVAHUTI, IT
IS TIME FOR
ME TO ACT
ACCORDING
TO THE
PROMISE I
MADE TO
LORD VISHNU.



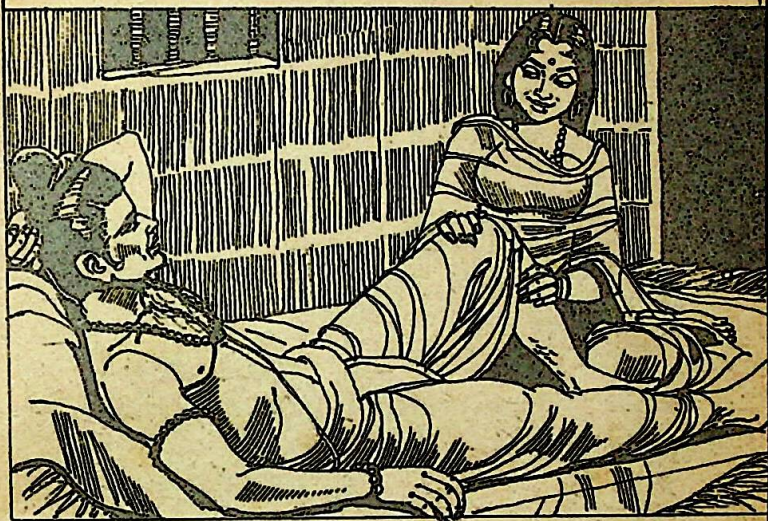
DO NOT WORRY
OR GRIEVE.
PROPITIATE LORD
VISHNU AND HE
WILL BE BORN
AS YOUR SON AND
YOU WILL ATTAIN
THE STATE OF
BLESSEDNESS.



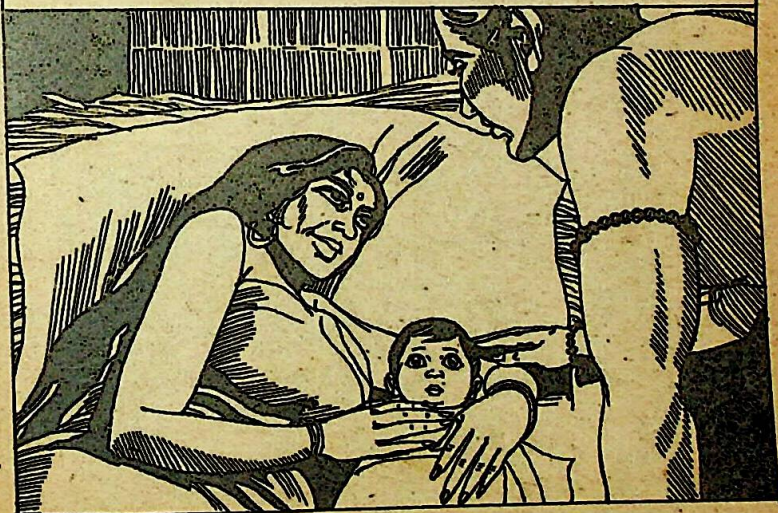
*DEVAHUTI SPENT HER DAYS IN THE WORSHIP OF
LORD VISHNU...*



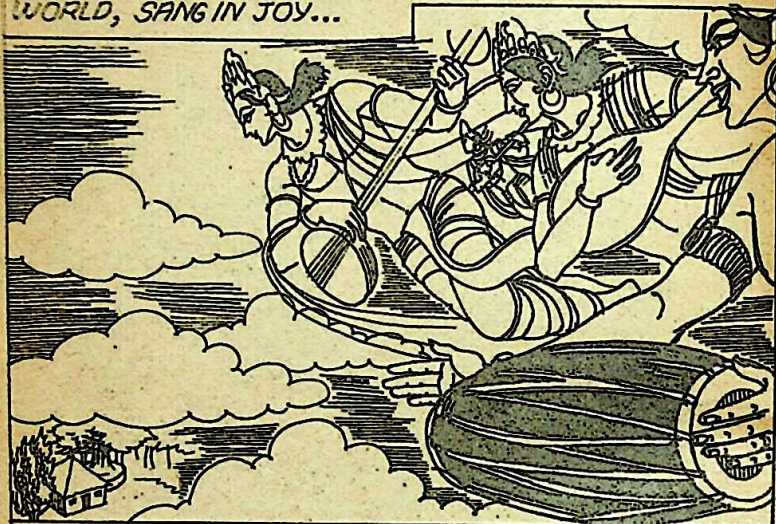
...AND ADMINISTERING TO KARDAMA'S NEEDS.



IN DUE COURSE, A SON WAS BORN TO DEVAHUTI.



*THE GANDHARVAS, THE WONDER DENIZENS OF THE UPPER
WORLD, SANG IN JOY...*



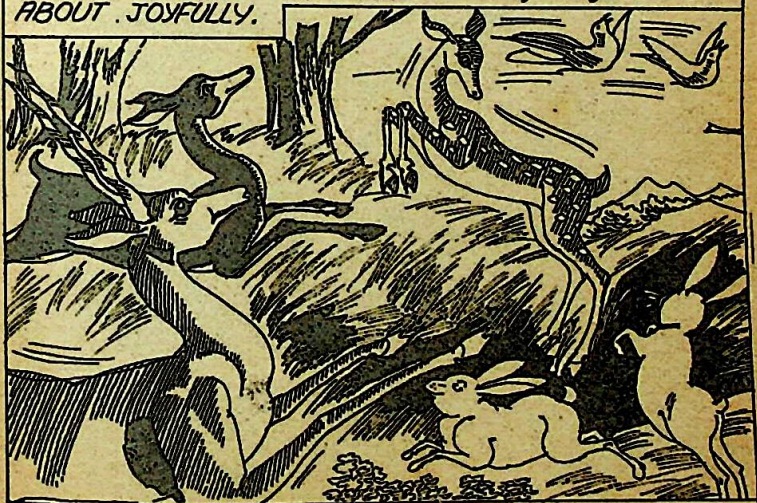
*...AND THE APSARAS, THE NYMPS OF HEAVEN, DANCED
IN GLADNESS.*



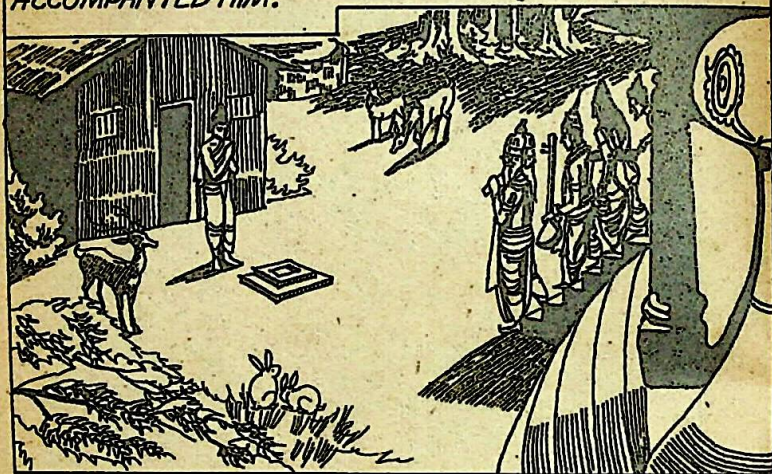
FLOWERS WERE SHOWERED UPON THE NEW-BORN BABE BY THE CELESTIAL BEINGS FROM THE SKY.



AND THE CREATURES OF THE JUNGLE, TOO, MOVED ABOUT JOYFULLY.

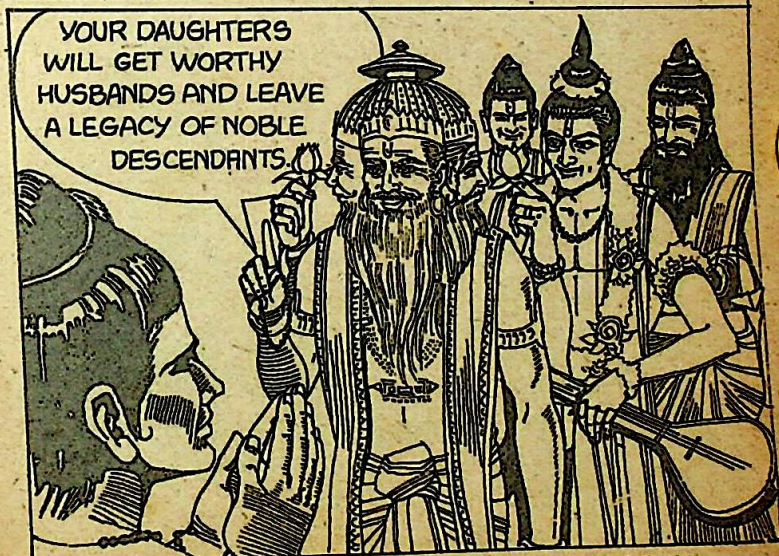
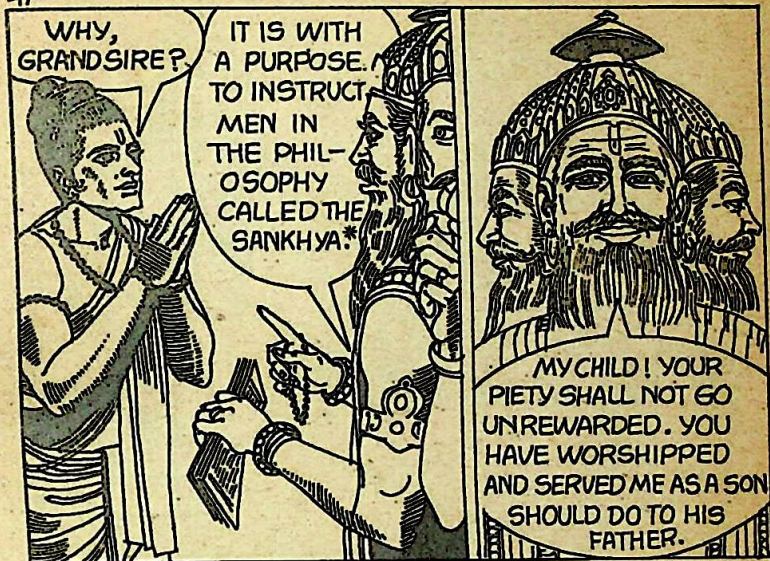


AT THAT TIME LORD BRAHMA ARRIVED AT THE HERMITAGE OF KARDAMA. SAGES-NARADA, MARICHI AND OTHERS ACCOMPANIED HIM.

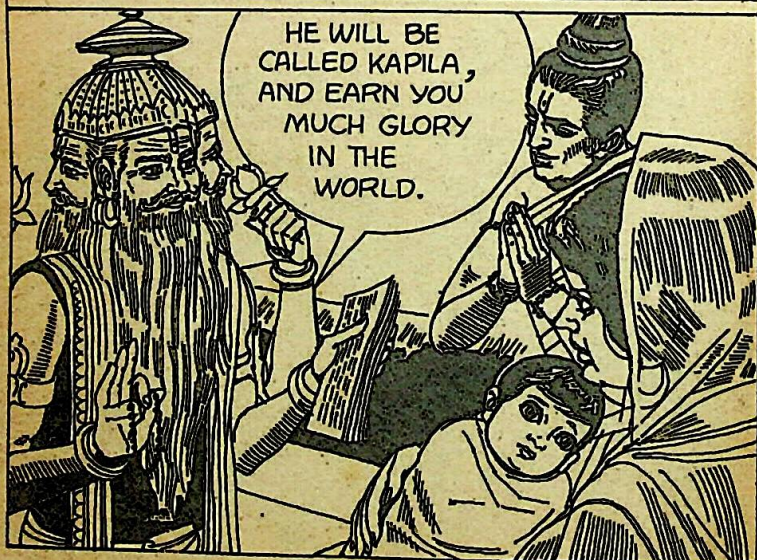


BRAHMA SPOKE TO SAGE KARDAMA WHO WAS HIS SON.

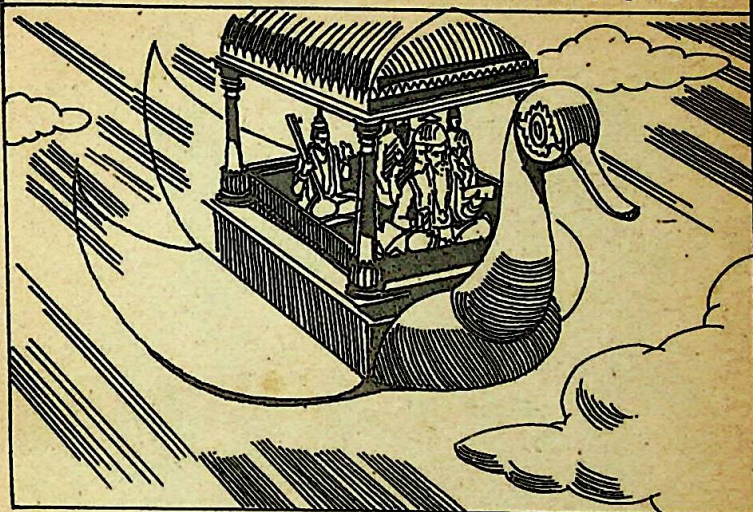




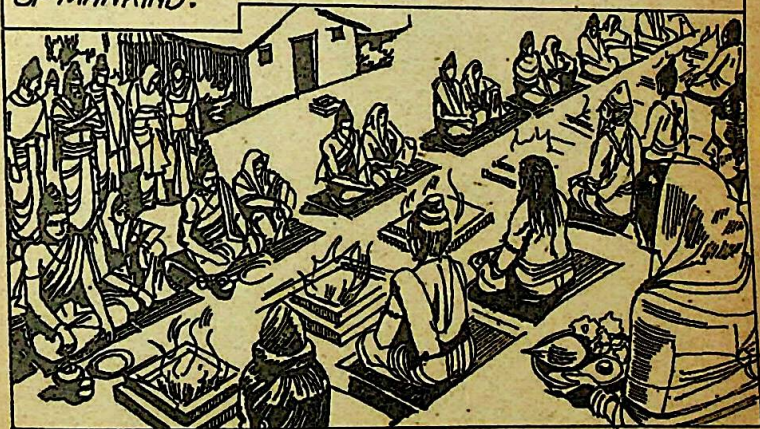
* ONE OF THE SIX SYSTEMS OF HINDU PHILOSOPHY.



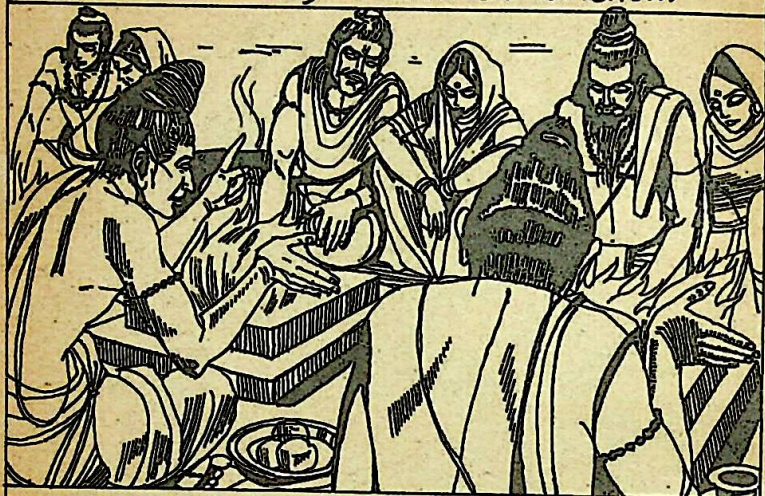
BRAHMA LEFT ALONG WITH SAGE NARADA AND OTHERS.



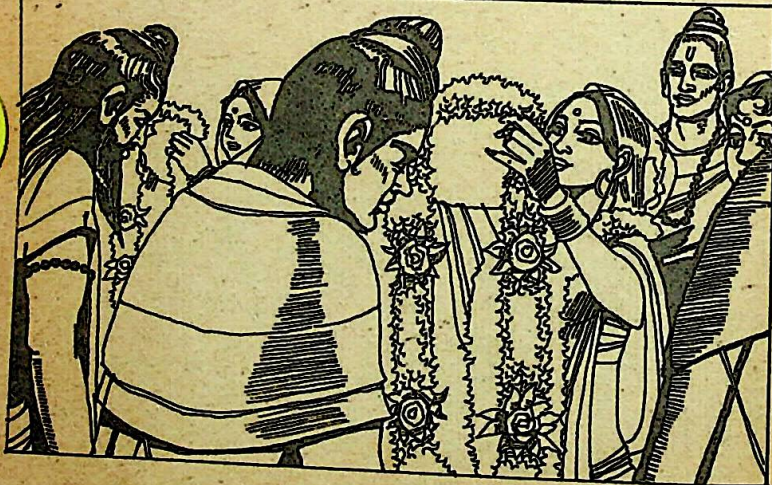
*IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF BRAHMA,
KARDAMA GAVE AWAY HIS DAUGHTERS IN MARRIAGE
TO RISHIS WHO CAME TO BE CALLED THE PROGENITORS
OF MANKIND.*



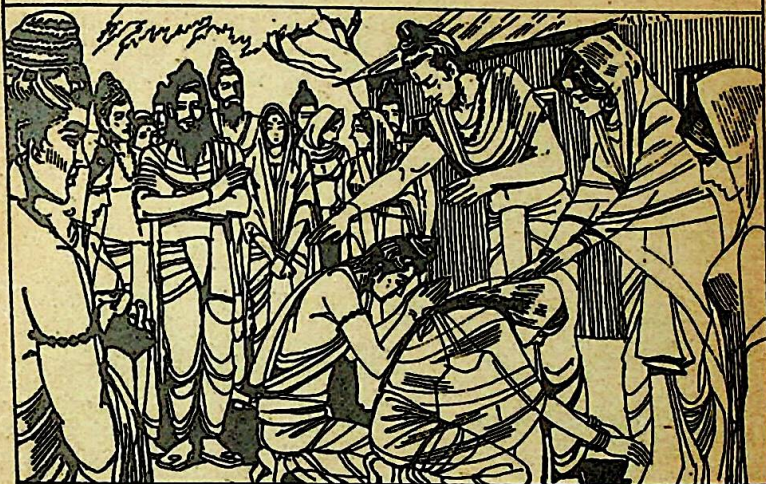
MARICHI WAS MARRIED TO KALA, ATRI TO ANASUYA,
ANGIRA TO SRADDHA, PULASTYA TO HABIRBHU...



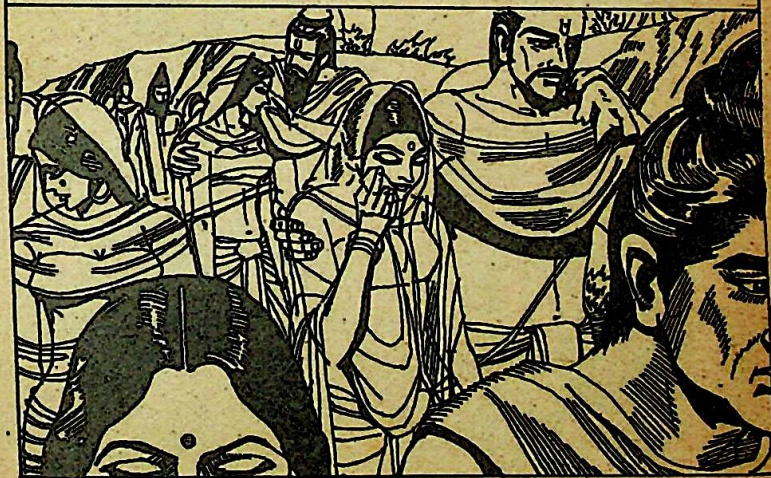
... PULAHA TO GRATI, KRATU TO KRIYA, BHRIGU TO KSHYATI,
VASISHTHA TO ARUNDHATI AND ATHARYA TO SANTI.



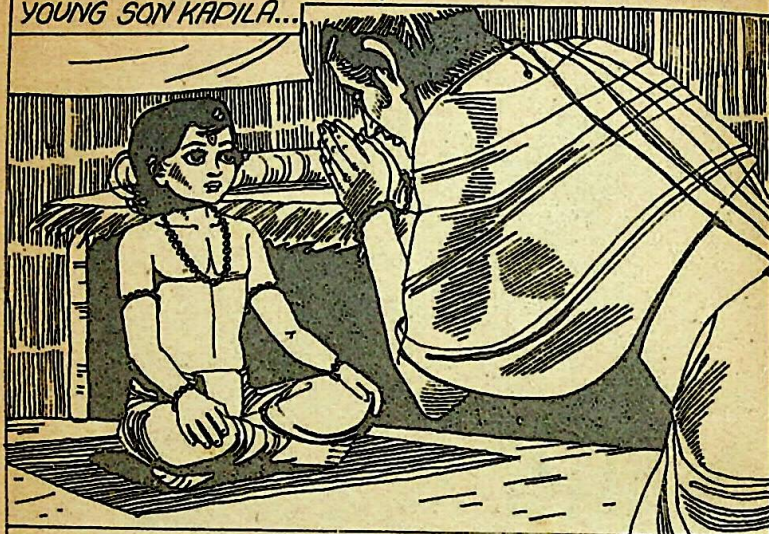
KARDAMA AND DEVAHUTI ENTERTAINED THEIR EXALTED SON-IN-LAWS AT THE HERMITAGE.



AFTER SOME TIME, THEY TOOK LEAVE AND LEFT FOR THEIR OWN HERMITAGES WITH DELIGHTED HEARTS.



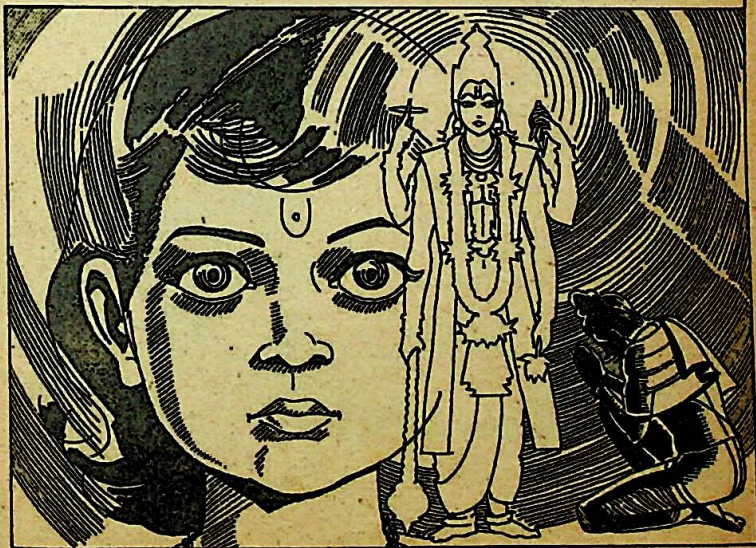
WISHING THEM FAREWELL, KARDAMA WENT TO HIS
YOUNG SON KAPILA...



...AND BOWED TO HIM IN REVERENCE.

O LORD OF THE
UNIVERSE ! YOU HAVE
TAKEN BIRTH AS MY SON,
FULFILLING YOUR
PROMISE TO ME.

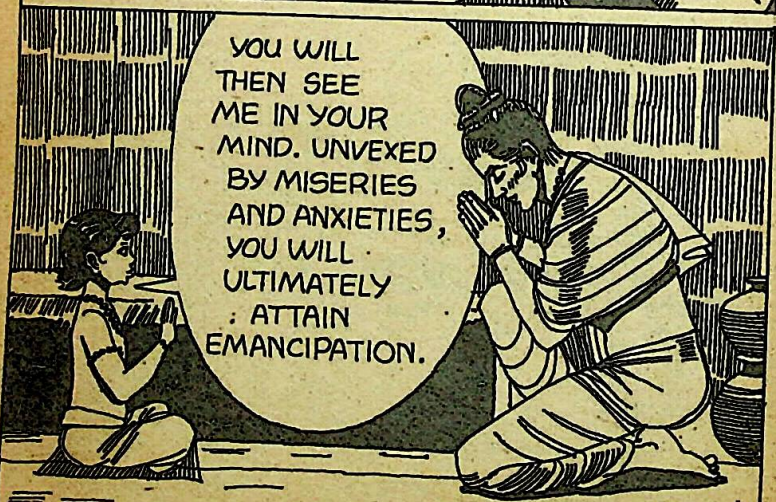




O EXCELLER OF THE SAGES, YOU ARE FREE TO GO
WHEREVER YOU PLEASE. TO CONQUER DEATH AND
THEREBY ATTAIN IMMORTALITY, MEDITATE ON
ME AND DEDICATE THE RESULTS OF ALL
YOUR ACTIONS UNTO
ME.



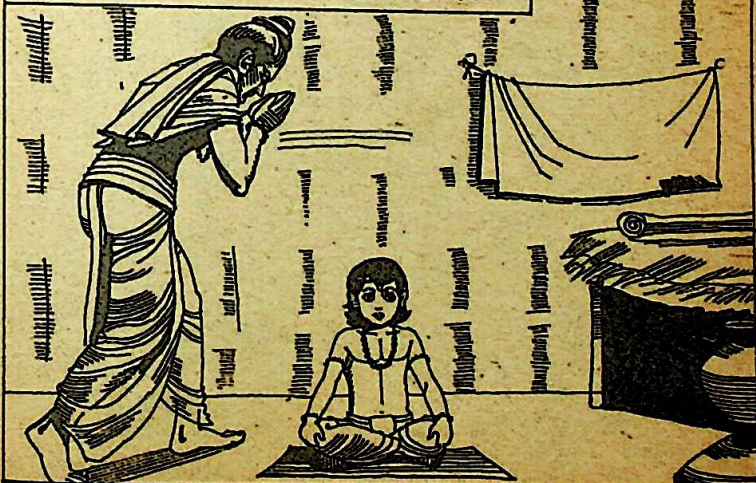
YOU WILL
THEN SEE
ME IN YOUR
MIND. UNVEXED
BY MISERIES
AND ANXIETIES,
YOU WILL
ULTIMATELY
: ATTAIN
EMANCIPATION.





I WILL
ALSO IMPART
UNTO MOTHER
DEVAHUTI THE KNOW-
LEDGE OF THE SELF
WHICH DESTROYS
EVERY DESIRE
AND WILL
LEAD HER TO
SUPREME
BLISS.

*KARDAMA WENT AROUND KAPILA WITH REVERENCE
AND BOWED TO HIM ONCE AGAIN.*



BEFORE KARDAMA DEPARTED, DEVAHUTI APPROACHED HIM.

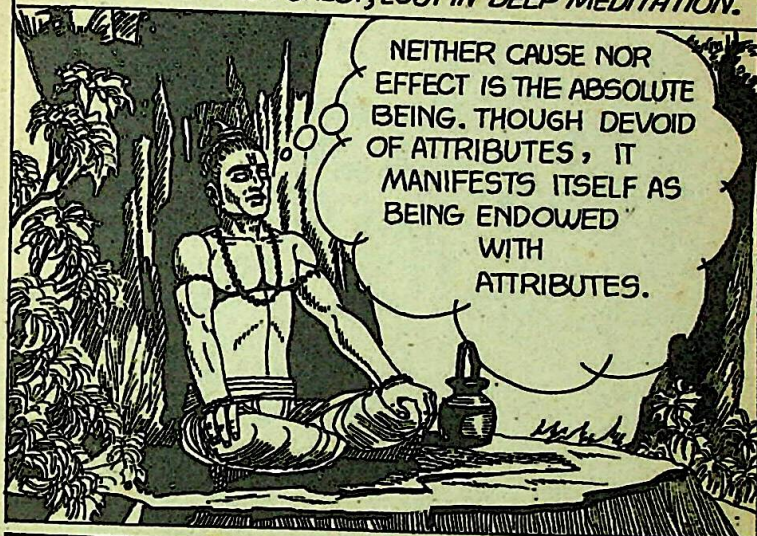
YOU MUST GO,
ISN'T IT? I FEEL
SAD AND
ALL ALONE.

DEVAHUTI, WIPE
THE LINES OF
SADNESS ON YOUR
BROW. VISHNU,
AS KAPILA, IS NOW
YOUR SON. AND
GREAT IS YOUR
FORTUNE. LORD
KAPILA WILL
INSTRUCT
YOU TO GO
BEYOND
SADNESS
AND JOY.

KARDAMA LEFT THE HERMITAGE...



...AND SAT IN THE FOREST, LOST IN DEEP MEDITATION.



NEITHER CAUSE NOR
EFFECT IS THE ABSOLUTE
BEING. THOUGH DEVOID
OF ATTRIBUTES, IT
MANIFESTS ITSELF AS
BEING ENDOWED
WITH
ATTRIBUTES.

*AT THE HERMITAGE, KAPILA SAT MEDITATING BY THE
LAKE BINDUSAGARA, WHEN DEVAHUTI APPROACHED
HIM.*

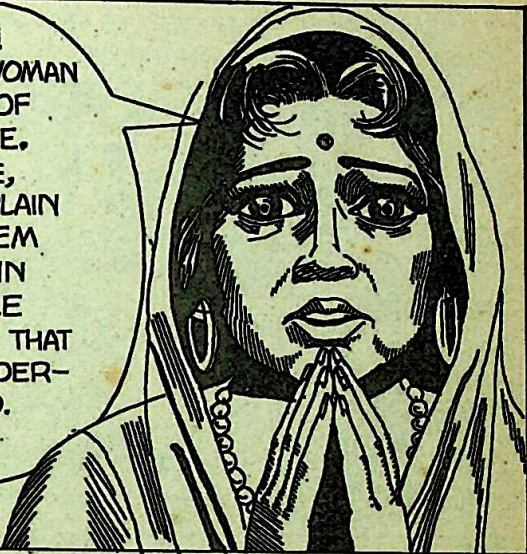


MY SON!
A WIFE IS A
SHADOW WITH-
OUT A HUSBAND.
I LEARNT MUCH
FROM YOUR
FATHER.




KAPILA UNDERSTOOD DEVAHUTI'S SINCERE DESIRE TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE.



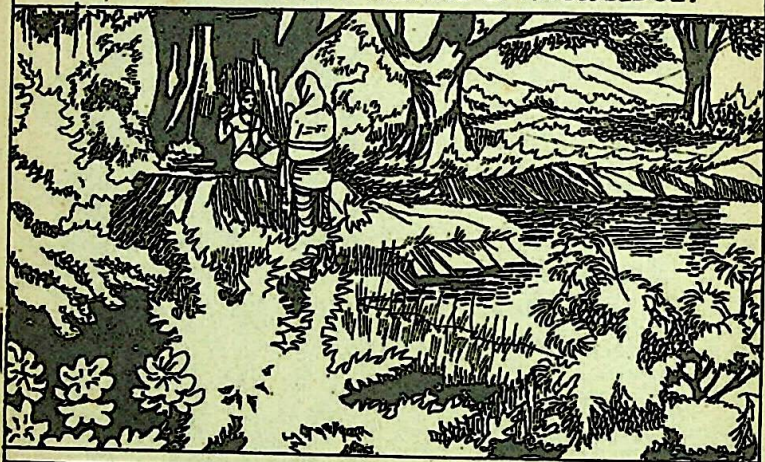


LORD!
I AM A WOMAN
AND FULL OF
IGNORANCE,
THEREFORE,
PLEASE EXPLAIN
THE SYSTEM
OF YOGA IN
A SIMPLE
MANNER THAT
I MAY UNDER-
STAND.

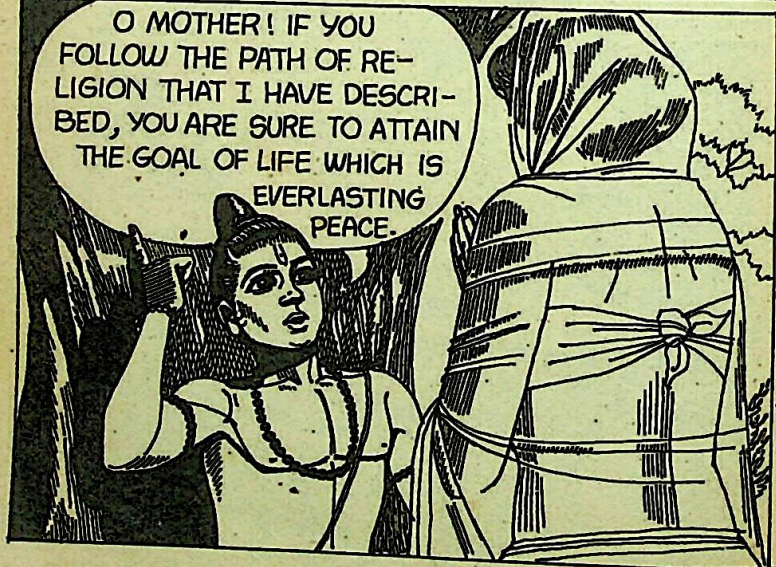


MOTHER,
LISTEN.
SELFLESS
SERVICE TO
GOD IS EVEN
SUPERIOR TO
EMANCIPATION.

KAPILA EXPOUNDED THE INTRICATE SYSTEM OF THE SANKHYA PHILOSOPHY TO HIS MOTHER DEVAHUTI, THEREBY KINDLING IN HER THE FIRE OF KNOWLEDGE.



O MOTHER! IF YOU FOLLOW THE PATH OF RELIGION THAT I HAVE DESCRIBED, YOU ARE SURE TO ATTAIN THE GOAL OF LIFE WHICH IS EVERLASTING PEACE.

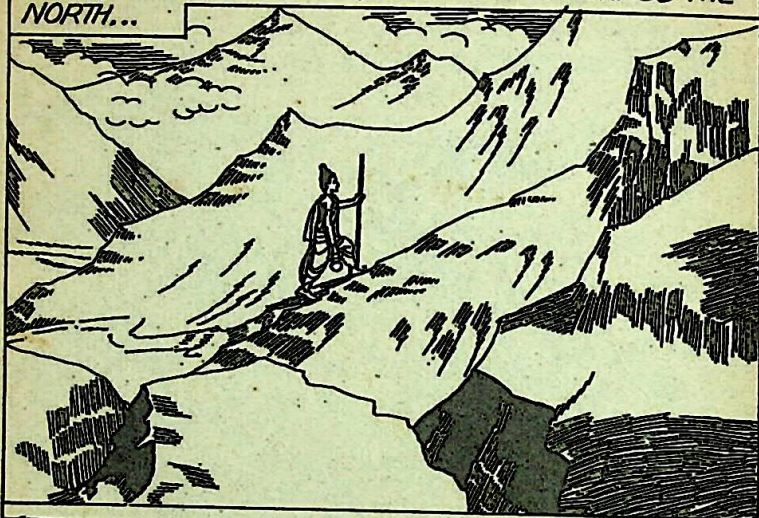




*DEVAHUTI PRACTISED AUSTERITY AND DEEP
MEDITATION.*



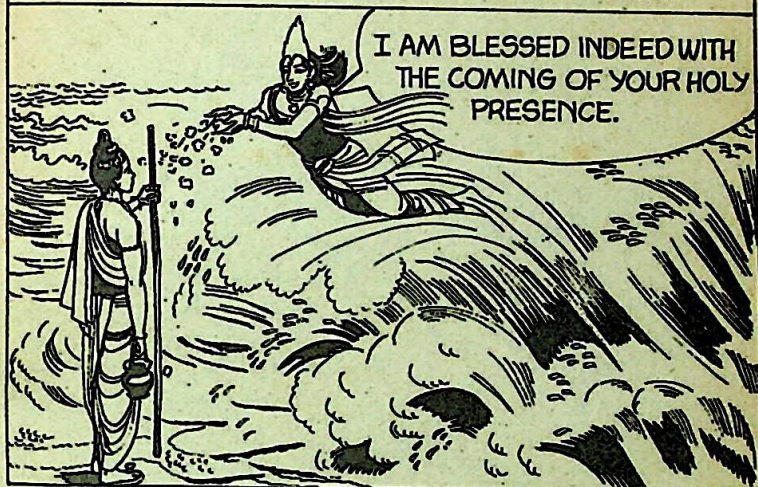
KAPILA, THE MIGHTY YOGIN, FIRST WENT TOWARDS THE NORTH...



...WHERE THE SIDDHAS, THE GANDHARVAS AND THE SAGES SHOWERED PRAISES ON HIM.



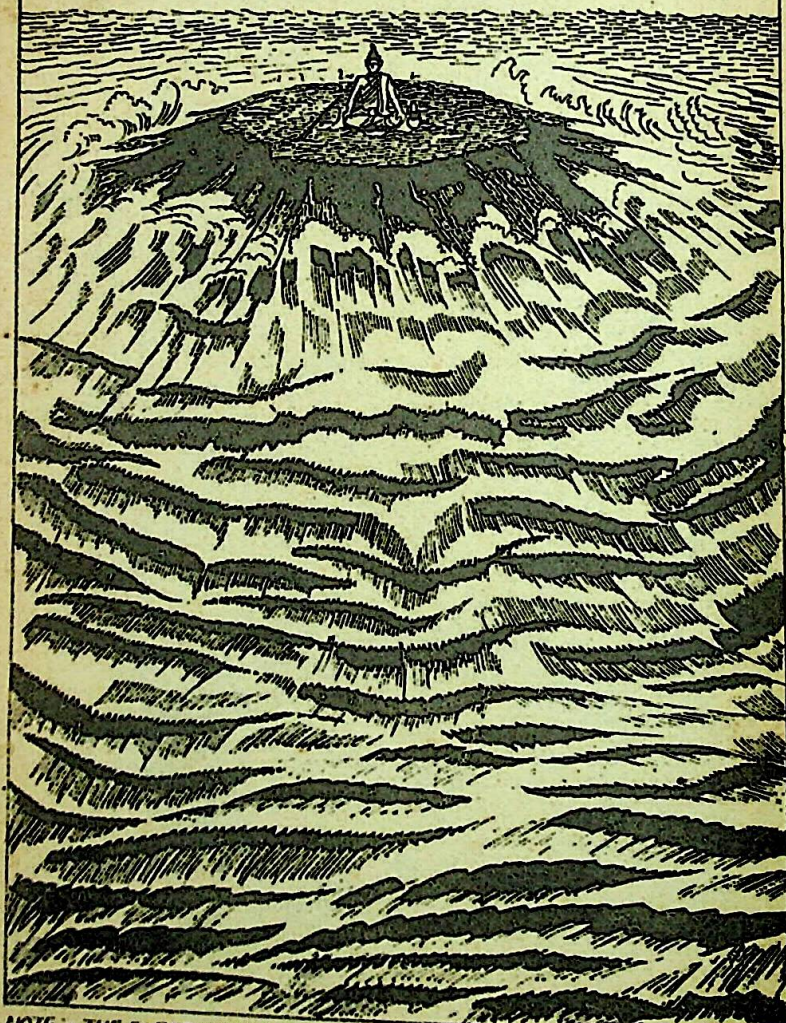
WHEN HE REACHED THE EAST, VARUNA, THE LORD OF THE WATERS MADE OFFERINGS OF FLOWERS.



THE OCEAN RENT ASUNDER AND GAVE WAY TO KAPILA.



AND HERE THE SAGE SAT MEDITATING ON HIS
CREATION.



NOTE :- THE PLACE WHERE KAPILA SRI (ILLUSTRATED ABOVE) IS KNOWN TO
US AS GANGA SAGARA